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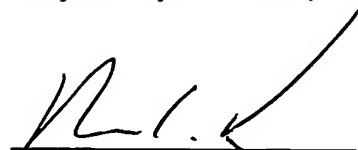
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached. Please note that U.S. Patent 5,831,195 is the English equivalent of the Japanese document 8-179763 A, both of which are attached.

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	US	5,831,195	11/98	Nakata	84	609	

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